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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UP) NEWSPAPER COLLEGIAN REVEALED LAST WEEK THAT BOARD OF REGENTS HAD DENIED FORMER UP PRESIDENT S.P. LOPEZ'S RIGHT TO TEACH AT THE UNIVERSITY. BOARD IN ITS FEB. 20 ACTION IS ALLEGED BY COLLEGIAN TO HAVE CLAIMED LOPEZ'S FULL PROFESSORSHIP GRANTED IN 1969 AND CONFIRMED TWO MONTHS AGO ONLY HONORARY CARRYING WITH IT NO AUTOMATIC TEACHING PRIVILEGE. COLLEGIAN IMPLIES MOVE LINKED TO LOPEZ'S FALL FROM MARCOS GRACE AND POWER.

COMMENT: LOPEZ'S MILDLY ANTI-MARTIAL LAW SPEECH, DELIERED AT EAST-WEST CENTER OCTOBER 1974 UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO HIS REPLACEMENT BY MARCOS LOYALIST O.D. CORPUS IN JANUARY (SEE REFAIR). HOWEVER, LATEST ADMINISTRATION STEP WOULD SEEM TO HAVE STEMMED MORE FROM FEAR THAT HE WOULD EXACERBATE PRE-REFERENDUM STUDENT DEBATE AT UP THAN FROM FURTHER NOSE RUBBING. A WELL INFORMED CAMPUS FIGURE TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT REGENTS'S ACTION TRIG-GERED BY STORMY STUDENT REACTION TO EXCLUSION FROM UP OF OPPOSITION SPEAKERS DURING PREREFERENDUM DEVATE. STUDENTS, HOWEVER, ARE PROVING TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN PASSING THIS WEEK'S FINAL EXAMS THAN IN CONVERTING MALIGNED LOPEZ

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EMBARRASSING TO CORPUZ AND MALACANANG.
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